

**DECLARATION FOR NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION\***

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below at 201 et seq. beneath my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or an original, first and joint inventor if plural names are listed at 201 et seq. below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

***A Novel Method for Die Removal from Plastic Packages***

and for which a patent application:

- ☐ is attached hereto and includes amendment(s) filed on (if applicable)
- ☐ was filed in the United States on as Application No. (for declaration not accompanying application) with amendment(s) filed on (if applicable)
- ☐ was filed as PCT international Application No. on and was amended under PCT Article 19 on (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED PRIOR TO THE FILING DATE OF THE APPLICATION				
APPLICATION NUMBER	COUNTRY	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

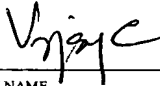
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION SERIAL NO.	FILING DATE	STATUS		
		PATENTED	PENDING	ABANDONED

\* for use only when the application is assigned to a company, partnership or other organization.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Chowdhury et al.

Confirmation No.:

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For: *A Novel Method for Die Removal from  
Plastic Packages*

Attorney Docket No.: 9818-102-999

**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE  
AND EXCLUSION OF INVENTOR(S) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.71  
WITH STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The undersigned assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application hereby appoints David Weild, III (Reg. No. 21094), Barry D. Rein (Reg. No. 22411), Philip T. Shannon (Reg. No. 24278), Francis E. Morris (Reg. No. 24615), Gidon D. Stern (Reg. No. 27469), John J. Lauter, Jr. (Reg. No. 27814), Brian M. Poissant (Reg. No. 28462), Rory J. Radding (Reg. No. 28749), Donald J. Goodell (Reg. No. 19766), Thomas E. Friebe (Reg. No. 29258), Laura A. Coruzzi (Reg. No. 30742), Geraldine F. Baldwin (Reg. No. 31232), Victor N. Balancia (Reg. No. 31231), Samuel B. Abrams (Reg. No. 30605), Adriane M. Antler (Reg. No. 32605), Thomas G. Rowan (Reg. No. 34419), James G. Markey (Reg. No. 31636), Thomas D. Kohler (Reg. No. 32797), Scott D. Stimpson (Reg. No. 33607), Gary S. Williams (Reg. No. 31066), Ann L. Gisolfi (Reg. No. 31956), Kelly D. Talcott (Reg. No. 39582), Francis D. Cerrito (Reg. No. 38100), Anthony M. Insogna (Reg. No. 35203), Brian M. Rothery (Reg. No. 35340), Brian D. Siff (Reg. No. 35679), Michael J. Lyons (Reg. No. 37386), Nikolaos C. George (Reg. No. 39201), Stephen S. Rabinowitz (Reg. No. 40286), Ognjan V. Shentov (Reg. No. 38051), Kenneth L. Stein (Reg. No. 38704), Andrew J. Gray (Reg. No. 41796), Henry C. Lebowitz (Reg. No. 36196), Leo Merken (Reg. No. 41192), Margaret B. Brivanlou (Reg. No. 40922), David R. Owens (Reg. No. 40756), Karen G. Horowitz (Reg. No. 35199), T. Christopher Tsang (Reg. No. 40258) and Carl P. Bretscher (Reg. No. 41635), all of Pennie & Edmonds LLP, whose addresses are 1155 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036, 1667 K Street N.W., Washington, DC 20006, 3300 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94304 and 12750 High Bluff Drive, San Diego, CA 92130, all of Pennie & Edmonds LLP as its attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, said appointment to be to the exclusion of the inventors and their attorney(s) in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 3.71, provided that, if any one of these attorneys ceases being affiliated with the law firm of Pennie & Edmonds LLP as partner, counsel, or employee, then the appointment of that attorney and all powers derived therefrom shall terminate on the date such attorney ceases being so affiliated.

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I am the:



Applicant/Inventor



Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

*(Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is applicable)*

**Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)**

Altera Corporation states that it is:

- ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or  
☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.  
The extent (by, percentage) of its ownership interest is %

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above.  
The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on  
at Reel , Frame , or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

- ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above,  
to the current assignee as shown below:

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☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

☐ Copies of assignments of other documents in the chain of title are attached.  
[Note: A separate copy (i.e., the original assignment document or a true copy of the  
original document) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37  
CFR Part 3, if the assignment is to be recorded in the records of the USPTO. See  
MPEP 302.08]

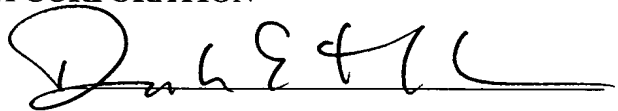
The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

**ASSIGNEE: ALTERA CORPORATION**

Date:

3/15/04

Signature:



Typed Name: DEREK MINIHANE

Position/Title: DIRECTOR IP LAW

Address:

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***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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***PATENT***

In re application of: Vijay Chowdhury et. al.	Attorney Docket No.: 9818-102-999
Application No.: TO BE ASSIGNED	Examiner: TO BE ASSIGNED
Filing Date: TO BE ASSIGNED	Group Art Unit: TO BE ASSIGNED
Title: A NOVEL METHOD FOR DIE REMOVAL FROM PLASTIC PACKAGES	

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**DECLARATION OF MICHELLE ROMERO**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

I, Michelle Romero, in support of the filing of the above-referenced patent application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 116, second paragraph, and § 118 and 37 CFR § 1.47, declare as follows:

1. I, Michelle Romero, am a Patent Administrator at Altera Corporation of San Jose, California ("Altera"). My job responsibilities regularly include forwarding patent applications to inventors who are current and past employees of Altera for execution of formal filing papers and assignments. I also work with Altera's Human Resources and other departments that deal with inventors' employment contracts and the like. This declaration is offered to show that Mr. Aquada an inventor in the above-referenced patent application, refuses to sign the "application papers" (described below) and the proprietary interest of Altera in said patent application.

2. On January 8, 2004, I forwarded to Mr. Aguada a complete copy of the "application papers" including the drawings, specification and claims of the application and the formal filing papers including the Declaration and Assignment in above-referenced patent application entitled, "A Novel Method for Die Removal from Plastic Packages", a copy of which is attached to this Declaration as Exhibit A. A

copy of the Federal Express receipt and a copy of proof of delivery are also included with Exhibit A, I sent the papers to Mr. Aguada's last known address:

Mr. John Aguada  
1746 Mirabella Court  
Milpitas, CA 95035

3. On Thursday, January 22, 2004, I called Mr. Aguada and left a message to please return my call. I received no response. I then called Mr. Aguada on Thursday, January 29, 2004 and left another message to please return my call. I again received no response. I also called Mr. Aguada on Wednesday, February 11, 2004 and left another message. I received no response. I then called Mr. Aguada on Sunday, February 22, 2004 and spoke to a Ms. Delacruz, she said Mr Aguada was not home at the moment and but did verify that the address I sent the package to was the correct address for Mr. Aguada. I told her that I would resend the documents for Mr. Aguada's signature and I left her my phone number if he had any questions.

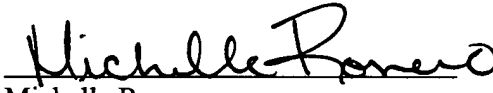
4. On Monday, February 23, 2004, I forwarded to Mr. Aguada another complete copy of the "application papers" including the drawings, specification and claims of the application and the formal filing papers including the Declaration and Assignment in above-referenced patent application entitled, "A Novel Method for Die Removal from Plastic Packages", a copy of which is attached to this Declaration as Exhibit B. A copy of the Federal Express receipt, a copy of proof of delivery and a copy of the return shipment label are also included with Exhibit B.

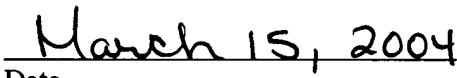
5. On Tuesday, March 2, 2004, Mr. Aguada telephoned me at my office at Altera in San Jose, California to tell me that he had received the patent application, formal papers and assignment, and that he would like to sign the Oath/Declaration or the Assignment but he thought that he was owed somewhere between \$3,000 to \$4,000 dollars for his signature. I told him that since he was no longer an employee that the bonus was not applicable. He seemed okay with the answer and he said he would sign the documents and return them to me the next day. I never received them.

6. On Friday, March 5, 2004, I called Mr. Aguada and left a message to return my call. I have received no response.

7. A true and correct copy of Mr. Aguada's "Employment Confidential Information, and Invention Assignment Agreement" is attached to this Declaration as Exhibit C.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I further declare that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code), and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

  
Michelle Romero

  
Date